GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF CEREAL CROPS AREAS TO CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any special programme to divert area from cereal crops to high value cash crops for better earning by farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide assured market and remunerative support prices to perishable commodities to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): To protect the interest of the farmers of perishable commodities from distress sale, the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is implemented under which a fixed quantity is purchased based on the cost of cultivation and market prices. The losses, if any, are shared equally by the Central and State Governments.